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SUBJECT: EXIT VISA REPRESENTATION: DIVIDED SPOUSES: GHARIBIAN
AND FLOYD

REF: MOSCOW 15769, 14815

1. DURING CONSOFFS' CALL ON MFA USA DIVISION FIRST SECRETARY
TRIFONOV DEC 28, LATTER GAVE INTERIM REPLY ON DIVIDED SPOUSE
CASES OF GHARIBIAN AND FLOYD, WHICH WERE AMONG FOUR SPOUSE CASES
RAISED IN NOTE PRESENTED TO USA DIVISION AUGUST 14 (MOSCOW 9663
AND 13485).

2. GHARIBIAN: ON RAZMIK GHARIBIAN, WHO APPLIED YEREVAN OVIR
FEBRUARY 15 FOR PERMISSION JOIN WIFE AMCIT HELEN GHARIBIAN OF DETROIT

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TRIFONOV ACKNOWLEDGED THAT CASE HAS BEEN "LONG AND COMPLICATED."
HE STATED THAT IT WILL TAKE "A FEW MORE WEEKS" FOR DECISION TO BE
MADE. TRIFONOV EXPLAINED THAT CASE IS COMPLICATED BECAUSE GHARIBIAN
HAS MANY RELATIVES IN USSR, WHICH PROLONGS REQUIRED INVESTIGATION.
ASKED WHETHER DELAY COULD BE ATTRIBUTED THEREFORE SIMPLY
TO BUREAUCRATIC NECESSITIES, TRIFONOV REPLIED THAT HE DOES
NOT KNOW WHETHER THERE ARE OTHER FACTORS INVOLVED. IN RESPONSE
CONSOFFS' QUERY, TRIFONOV SAID HE HAD NO INDICATION OF WHETHER
DECISION WILL BE POSITIVE. CONSOFFS EMPHASIZED TO TRIFONOV THAT
GHARIBIAN'S CLOSEST RELATIVE RESIDES US, AND THEY EXPRESSED HOPE
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THAT DECISION WILL INDEED BE POSITIVE. (EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT

DEPARTMENT MAKE SAME POINT TO SOVIET EMBASSY.)

3. FLOYD: TRIFONOV STATED THAT DECISION MAY BE EXPECTED "SOON" IN CASE OF VERA FLOYD NEE MOROZOVA, WHO APPLIED NOVOSIBIRSK OVIR MID-OCTOBER FOR PERMISSION EMIGRATE TO HUSBAND FERRY FLOYD, 113 PROSPECT AVENUE, LONG BEACH CALIF. ASKED IF THIS INDICATED THAT DECISION WILL BE POSITIVE, TRIFONOV REPLIED THAT HE CANNOT GUARANTEE THIS, BUT HE DESCRIBED FLOYD CASE AS "LESS COMPLICATED" THAN THAT OF GHARIBIAN.

4. DEPT MAY WISH INFORM US SPOUSES OF ABOVE. CONSOFFS INTERPRET TRIFONOV REMARKS ON FLOYD CASE AS HOPEFUL. ALTHOUGH IT IS MORE DIFFICULT TO SPECULATE ON GHARIBIAN CASE, DEPT MAY WISH NOTE TO MRS. GHARIBIAN THAT WE HAVE SUCCEEDED AT LEAST IN KEEPING CASE OPEN DESPITE ORAL REFUSAL GIVEN GHARIBIAN BY YEREVAN OVIR CHIEF (MOSCOW 14381).
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